

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are independent. The remaining claims depend directly from independent claim 2.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,280 ("Osakabe"). For at least the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention is directed to a composite audio-video apparatus in which a plurality of reproduce sections is integrated into one body (*see, e.g.*, paragraph [0002]). In one exemplary embodiment, a VCR control section 21 has the functionality of controlling a reproduce section 22, and changing over an image input source of the image output section 6 i.e. between the videocassette record and reproduce section and the DVD reproduce section (*see* Fig. 1 and paragraphs [0025]-[0027]). Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 each recite *inter alia*, "wherein the first control section includes a changeover control section for controlling to change over an image input source of the image output section."

The disclosure of Osakabe is directed to transmitting a remote control signal among devices connected to a serial bus (*see, e.g.*, col. 1, lines 6-13 of Osakabe). The Examiner cites Osakabe as showing the above limitation of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Osakabe merely discloses a deciphered control command being supplied to display a

corresponding character, figure, icon etc., whereby a user can check the indicated control command (*see* col. 6, lines 64-67 of Osakabe). In other words, Osakabe merely discloses the display of an image, character, icon etc. that is related to a signal corresponding to a controlled device, and *does not* disclose that the first control section changes over the image output section as recited in independent claims 1 and 2.

Further, the Examiner relates the DVCR 23 and DVD 24 in Fig. 3 of Osakabe and their own local circuitry to the first and second control sections as recited in independent claims 1 and 2. However, Osakabe merely discloses the deciphering of the remote control signal corresponding to a control command at the CPU 33. The deciphered control command is supplied to the display 34 to display the corresponding image (*see* col. 6, lines 57-67 of Osakabe).

In other words, Osakabe merely discloses that the images are changed based on a signal from the CPU 33 and not based on a signal from the control circuit of the DVCR or the control circuit of the DVD, as alleged by the Examiner.

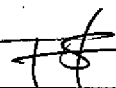
In view of the above, Osakabe does not show or suggest at least the above limitations of the claimed invention. Independent claims 1 and 2, therefore, are not anticipated by Osakabe. Claims 3 and 4, directly dependent on claim 2, are also not anticipated for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/128001).

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